

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CONTROLLING E-MAIL ACCESS

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A system for controlling access to electronic information
packages including e-mail messages communicated from a sending
device to a receiving device at one or more destination
locations. The system and method includes determining
fulfillment of one or more certain conditions at the destination
10 location; and, implementing control in response to detection of a
fulfilled one or more certain conditions to enable access to
content provided in a communicated package. The access includes
enabling a user to perform certain operations on the package
content at the destination location, or, preventing certain
15 operations from being performed. A mechanism is included for
enabling automatic destruction of the e-mail messages immediately
after being read by an authorized recipient, or, after a
predetermined time interval from receipt of the message. A
verification system is employed enabling a sender to verify users
20 attempting to access the e-mail.